

Update on USDA Biomass Research and Development

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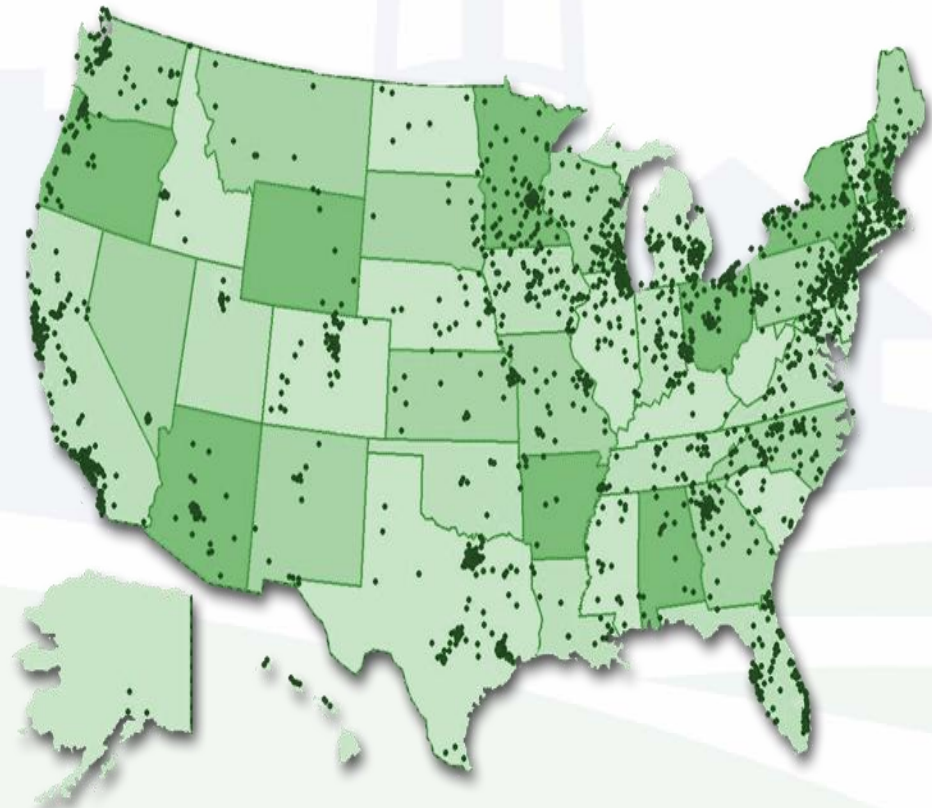
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- Update on the *Food, Conservation, and Energy Act* Energy Title
- State of the current discussion on Farm, Food and Jobs Bill
- Other USDA Programs

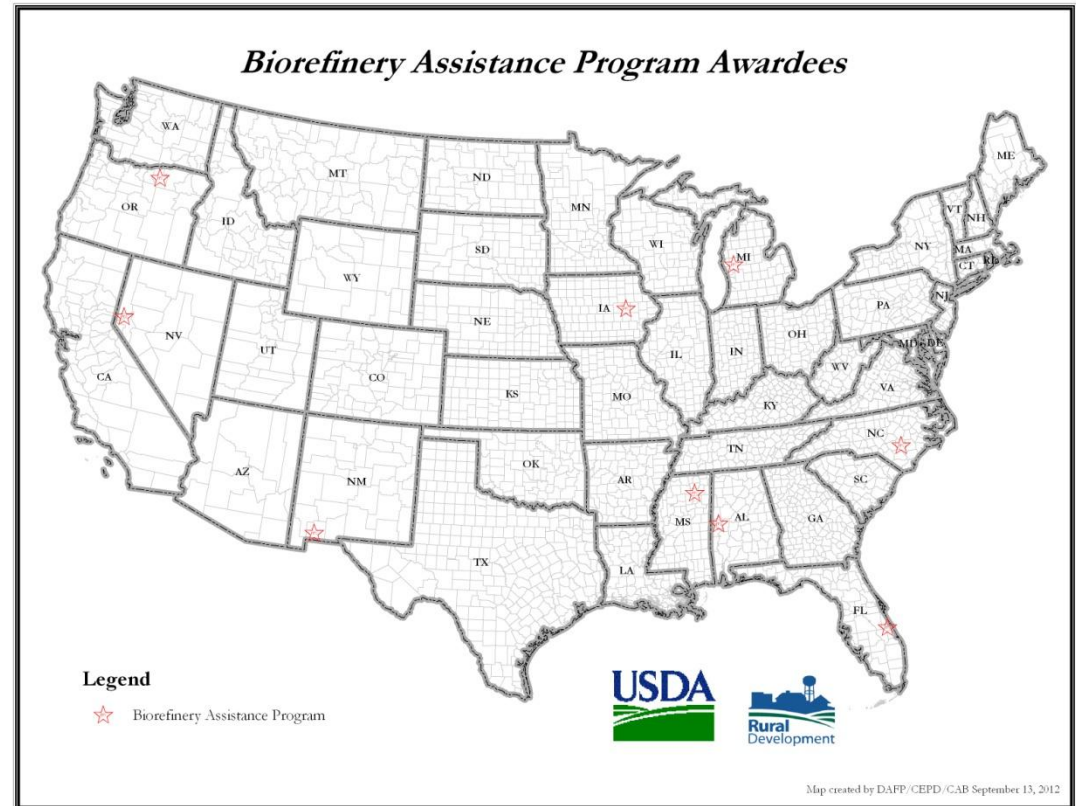
The USDA Certified Biobased Label

- **Launched February, 2011**
- **Unbiased biobased content certification partnership with ASTM International**
- **Some 850 labels already issued to businesses with products registered in USDA BioPreferred program (shown right)**
- **USDA has suspended the processing of applications**



2009-2012 Biorefinery Assistance Program

- Currently 9 Active Projects in Portfolio
- \$771M Guaranteed Loans Announced
- 135.3 MMG/year, 14+ MW capacity
- NM, MI, FL, AL, MS, IA, OR, NV, NC
- Woody, Ag Residue, Algae, Grasses, MSW



Farm Bill Energy Title

- **Section 9004- Repowering Assistance Program, Notice Expected in Near Future**
- **Section 9005- Advanced Biofuel Payment Program, Notice Expected in Near Future**
- **Section 9007- Rural Energy For America Program (REAP), Notice Expected in Near Future**
- **Section 9008 Biomass Research and Development, No additional funds for 2013**
- **Section 9011- Biomass Crop Assistance Program, Currently unfunded for 2013**

Other USDA Programs

- **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grant Program for Sustainable Bioenergy (AFRI-SBE)**
 - Designed to achieve the long term outcome of reducing the National dependence on foreign oil through the production of regionally appropriate sustainable bioenergy systems
 - Required Letter of Intent were to be submitted by Jan. 28, 2013
 - Full Applications due on April 3, 2013
- **Forest Service Woody Biomass Utilization Grant Program**
 - Nationwide challenge of using low-value woody biomass material to create renewable energy and protect communities and critical infrastructure from wildfires
 - April 8, 2013, Application Deadline

Thank you!

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